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R 021021 Z APR 73  
FM AMCONSUL LAHORE  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9511  
INFO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD  
AMCONSUL KARACHI  
AMEMBASSY KABUL

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E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: RETIRED AIR MARSHAL DENIES BELIEF IN FORCEFUL CHANGE  
OF GOVERNMENT

REF: LAHORE 0331

1. ON APRIL 1, RETIRED AIR MARSHAL  
AASGHAR KHAN,  
HEAD OF TEHREEK- E- ISTIQLAL, CALLED IN CHIEF  
REPORTED OF OPPOSITION URDU DAILY NAWAI WAQT AND  
TOLD HIM HE BELIEVED IN CHANGING GOVERNMENT BY  
MEANS OF BALLOTING ONLY. HE REJECTED ANY OTHER  
METHOD AS NONDEMOCRATIC. HE ALSO EXPRESSED CON-  
FIDENCE THAT ELECTIONS WOULD BE HELD THIS YEAR  
AND THAT PPP WOULD LOSE IF ELECTIONS WERE FAIR.
2. COMMENT: RETIRED AIR MARSHAL HAS ON NUMEROUS  
OCCASIONS INDIRECTLY THREATENED GOP WITH RESORT TO  
NONDEMOCRATIC MEANS TO FORCE PPP OUT OF GOVERNMENT.  
HE HAS REPEATEDLY SPOKEN OF MASS MOVEMENTS AND " TAKING  
TO THE STREETS", AGAINST PPP IF THEY DID NOT MEET  
HIS DEMANDS, O WHICH AVE CHANGED FROM TIME TO TIME.  
HE HAS MADE A LARGE NUMBER OF RATHER ROUTINE SPEECHES  
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AT SMALL TOWNS AND CITIES IN PUNJAB OVER LAST TWO  
WEEKS AND HIS MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CONSISTENTLY HARRASSED  
BY PPP WORKERS. POLICE CASES HAVE BEEN REGISTERED  
AGAINST HIM UNDER DEFENSE OF PAKISTAN RULES FOR  
OBJECTIONABLE SPEECHES IN THREE DIFFERENT PUNJABI  
TOWNS, BUT NO OTHER ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN. TWO OF  
24 PERSONS ARRESTED IN LATE MARCH " FOR ATTEMPTING TO  
SEDUCE MILITARY PERSONNEL" WERE RELATIVELY HIGH PAK  
AIR FORCE OFFICERS. AIR MARSHAL'S XJAPP# STATEMENT  
TO ONE REPORTED RATHER THAN TO NORMAL FULL PRESS  
CONFERENCE INDICATES HE ATTEMPTING TO TAKE OUT INSURANCE  
AGAINST BEING CONNECTED WITH ALLEGED PLOT.  
DECONTROL DEC 31, 1975  
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